1	2
May, 99	1.19
June, 99	7.80
July, 99	27.20
August, 99	75.09
September, 99	252.36
October, 99	378.05
November, 99	401.20
December, 99	546.83
January, 2000	850.50
February, 2000	909.26
March, 2000	955.63

(b) and (c) The increase in open market sale of wheat started from January, 2000 and it was maximum during March, 2000. As the lean season in respect of wheat starts from September, till fresh arrivals in April during New Rabi season, the sales registered an increase upto March. No rice has been sold under OMSS (D) during this period.

Closing down of Super Bazar

517. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down Super Bazar, a cooperative enterprise which is running in loss every year;

(b) whether Government have assessed the losses due to mismanagement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any plan to open any other organization or agency for the benefit of the consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) It may not be feasible to determine the exact quantum of losses exclusively due to inadequacies in management. Losses in Super Bazar are *inter alia* due to over staffing in comparison to the volume of business, inadequacy of working capital compared to the requirements, lack of credit based supplies, non-recovery of outstandings, increasing level of fixed costs and wage bills as well as lack of professionalism in supervision and management.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Shortlifting of allotted PDS foodgrains by States

518. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The states who have failed to lift the allotted PDS foodgrains alongwith the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) what are the quantities short lifted in respect of wheat and paddy/rice separately; and

(c) whether there is any remedial measures to avoid recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Statements showing the Statewise quantities of rice and wheat allotted, lifted, and quantities remaining unlifted under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (April—June, 2000) are enclosed (Statement-I and Statement-II respectively) (*See* below). Paddy as such is not allotted to the States/UTs for TPDS

(c) The lifting of foodgrains (rice and wheat) allotted under TPDS depends upon various factors viz; open market availability; parity between TPDS and open market prices; and buying capacity of consumers etc.